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SPEECH NOTES FOR THE PREMIER, MR. DUNSTAN, KETURA PROJECT  
CEREMONY.

26/6/73.

YOUR EXCELLENCY, MY LORD MAYOR, MR. BRIDGLAND, MR. MARMOR,  
MR. HELMAN, MR. HINES, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.

ISRAEL'S STORY IS ONE OF STRUGGLE AND TRIUMPH - AGAINST FOES INTENT  
ON HER ANNIHILATION AND AGAINST A LAND THAT IS AS HARSH AS IT IS  
BEAUTIFUL.

THE SUCCESS OF MODERN ISRAEL IN MAKING THE DESERT FLOURISH HAS  
EARNED ADMIRATION AND ENVY AROUND THE WORLD AND NOWHERE MORE SO  
THAN IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

WE SHARE MANY OF THE CLIMATIC CONDITIONS AGAINST WHICH THE ISRAELI  
PEOPLE HAVE BATTLED WITH SUCH VIGOR, TENACITY AND IMAGINATION.

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IT IS THEREFORE MOST APPROPRIATE THAT THE MONEY RAISED THROUGH  
THIS APPEAL IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA WILL BE USED DIRECTLY TO MAKE A  
DESERT GROW AND FLOURISH AGAIN.

IT IS A BOLD AND NOBLE PROJECT - MONEY CAN'T BE BETTER SPENT  
THAN IN BRINGING NEW LIFE AND NEW HOPE TO A BARREN LAND.

I AM DELIGHTED AND PROUD TO BE ASSOCIATED WITH IT AND I AM  
INDEED GLAD THAT IT HAS WON SUCH A READY RESPONSE FROM THE  
SOUTH AUSTRALIAN COMMUNITY IN GENERAL AND OUR JEWISH COMMUNITY  
IN PARTICULAR.